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HEREWITH FULL TEXT OF GWERTZMAN ARTICLE SATURDAY, JANUARY
1 HEADED "WEST COAST LAWYER NAMED TO NO. 2 POST IN STATE
DEPARTMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: WARREN M. CHRISTOPHER, A PROMINENT LOS
ANGELES LAWYER, WAS NAMED TODAY TO SERVE AS THE NO. 2
STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS LEARNED THAT RICHARD N. COOPER,
A YALE ECONOMIST, WOULD SERVE AS UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONO-
MIC AFFAIRS, THE NO. 3 JOB IN THE DEPARTMENT. MR. COOPER,
A WELL-KNOWN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIST, WAS ALSO THE CHOICE
OF W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL, TREASURY SECRETARY-DESIGNATE,
FOR A HIGH POST BUT CHOSE TO RETURN TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT,
WHERE HE HAD BEEN A DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-
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NATIONAL MONETARY AFFAIRS IN THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION.

AIDES TO CYRUS R. VANCE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE,
CONFIRMED MR. CHRISTOPHER'S APPOINTMENT AFTER GOV. JERRY

BROWN OF CALIFORNIA MADE AN UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE THAT
PRE-EMPTED THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

MR. VANCE PERSONALLY CHOSE THE 51-YEAR OLD MR. CHRISTOPHER, WHO WAS A DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE LAST YEARS OF THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION. IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN RECENT WEEKS THAT MR. CHRISTOPHER WOULD REPLACE CHARLES W. ROBINSON, WHO LEAVES OFFICES ON JAN. 20 ALONG WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER.

MR. CHRISTOPHER AND MR. VANCE WORKED TOGETHER TO PUT DOWN THE RACE RIOTS IN DETROIT IN 1967 WHEN MR. VANCE WAS A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON AND MR. CHRISTOPHER WAS DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

LATER, MR. CHRISTOPHER, WHO WAS A PARTNER IN THE LAW FIRM OF O'MELVENY & MYERS, WAS PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION IN 1974-75 WHEN MR. VANCE WAS HEAD OF THE NEW YORK BAR.

LITTLE FOREIGN-POLICY EXPERIENCE: MR. CHRISTOPHER, WHO WILL HANDLE MUCH OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR MR. VANCE, HAS HAD LITTLE FOREIGN-POLICY EXPERIENCE. IN THE EARLY 1960'S, HE WAS SELECTED BY GEORGE W. BALL, THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, TO HEAD COTTON NEGOTIATIONS, AND LATER WOOL NEGOTIATIONS. IT WAS DURING THAT PERIOD THAT HE HAD HIS INTRODUCTION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL ASPECT OF MR. CHRISTOPHER'S TIME IN THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION WAS HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE ARMY'S PROGRAM TO PUT THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN CIVILIANS UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDER SURVEILLANCE TO PREVENT URBAN RIOTING. MR. CHRISTOPHER WAS REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN DRAWING UP THE PLAN, ONE THAT ONLY BECAME KNOWN IN THE 1970'S.

MR. CHRISTOPHER WAS ONE OF THE FIRST CHOICES TO BECOME THE WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IN 1973 BUT TURNED DOWN THE JOB.

MR. VANCE, WHO IS TRYING TO COMPLETE HIS TOP COMMAND, ALSO WAS ATTRACTED TO MR. CHRISTOPHER BECAUSE HE WAS FROM CALIFORNIA--A STANFORD LAW GRADUATE RATHER THAN FROM THE EAST. GOVERNOR BROWN WAS INFORMED OF THE APPOINTMENT BY MR. VANCE YESTERDAY. THE APPOINTMENT REQUIRES SENATE APPROVAL.

SERIES OF JOB DISCUSSIONS: MR. VANCE, WHO HAS NOT YET

CHOSEN A WOMAN FOR A HIGH POST, HELD JOB DISCUSSIONS YESTERDAY WITH LUCY P. W. BENSON, A FORMER PRESIDENT OF

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND PATSY T. MINK, FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN FROM HAWAII. TODAY, HE CONFERRED ABOUT JOBS WITH HARRY T. MCPHERSON, JR., A LAWYER WHO WAS A CLOSE AIDE OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON, AND SOL LINOWITZ, A FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. MR. VANCE HAS ASKED MR. LINOWITZ TO TAKE A JOB IN THE DEPARTMENT, POSSIBLY THAT OF SPECIAL NEGOTIATOR ON PANAMA.

MR. VANCE ALSO MET TODAY WITH THREE LEADING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORTERS OF THE GREEK CAUSE, SENATOR-ELECT PAUL S. SARBANES, DEMOCRAT OF MARYLAND; REPRESENTATIVE JOHN BRADEMANS, DEMOCRAT OF INDIANA, AND REPRESENTATIVE BENJAMIN S. ROSENTHAL, DEMOCRAT OF QUEENS. THEY TOLD MR. VANCE OF THEIR CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE UNITED STATES' FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS SITUATION AND THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE OUTGOING ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES IN THE AREA.

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MR. VANCE HAS ALREADY SAID HE WOULD GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THE GREEK-TURKISH-CYPRIOT SITUATION, ONE IN WHICH HE HAD EXPERIENCE IN THE 1960'S AS A SPECIAL ENVOY. END TEXT.
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